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Newsletter #202:

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I can't believe that January is almost over. February will be slightly less hectic but there still is a lot going on across the U.S. and Europe. In March I will be attending the ANA National Money Show in Phoenix. I'll have my board responsibilities there but also Tyler and I are setting up a table for SSNI and NAC USA, LLC. I hope to see some of you there. We are using the opportunity to get consignments from interested persons as well. In April finally are hosting our long awaited opening party at the NAC USA, LLC offices. The above photo shows our entry room and part of our numismatic library (this was after day one so only a few books were in). See below for more details.

SSNI and NAC USA, LLC Opening Celebration (*tentatively* April 29)

We are so happy to welcome dealers and customers into our new downtown Chicago location. We will be hosting a cocktail party the evening of April 29th after the Central States Coin Show in Schaumburg. For those that do not have transportation we will offer a shuttle service from the bourse area to the offices and back. The trip to Chicago will take 45 minutes to an hour and we realize that there will be plenty of out of town guests so a service to go back and forth will be helpful and should incentivize some of you to come. If you are interested in attending our party, please get in touch so we can accommodate everyone.

NAC Zürich lot viewing at Central States Numismatic Show (April 26-29)

We are thrilled to announce that highlights from the NAC Spring auction (May 2023) will be viewable at the CSNS at the SSNI/NAC USA, LLC table (TBD). Up until now NAC has never done viewing for their auctions in the U.S. With the SSNI/NAC USA partnership we now have the ability to provide this to NAC customers.

NAC Zürich lot viewing at NAC USA, LLC offices

highlights from the auction. We will be providing further information on this as the time draws nearer. Stay tuned!

Münzen Gut-Lynt (Literature sale) - (January 29)

This auction house is a cooperation between Sincona (Zürich) and Busso Peus Nachf. (Frankfurt). This sale is a massive literature auction of 1,000 lots. I was astounded by how many difficult to obtain books are available in this auction, not to mention sometimes with a few copies. I highly recommend taking a look if you need any books for your library. My opinion is to opt always for the original edition versus a reprint if you ever want to sell your books later on. Reprints are wonderful for a student budget or a book that is never offered in original form, otherwise, having the original usually means higher quality photography and interesting past ownership details. The only thing to consider is that this is a German based auction so in addition to the BP of 20% you will also have to pay a premium for shipping the books out of the EU.

Künker Auction 379 - Salton European Coins and 380 - Coins and Medals from Medieval to Modern Times (2 February)

I mentioned this in last week's newsletter but it deserves another plug as it is right around the corner. The Mark and Lottie Salon collection is a large group of auctions that are shared between Stacks Bowers (U.S.) and Künker (Germany). The continuation of the Salton sale is on February 2nd with a selection of 100 European coins. Mark and Lottie Salton had a substantial collection of ancients and world coinage. Many have old pedigrees to accompany them. I presume that quite a few were purchased privately so they don't have other pedigrees but the Salton collection is a good pedigree to have in my opinion moving forward. Use the video function on some of the high value coins. You get a great perspective on the size of some of these pieces. They are just fantastic.

Auction 380, while not a named collection, is an amalgamation of beautiful European coins. It has a number of fascinating pieces. If you missed out on the Swedish 8 Daler piece in last year's Triton Sale then you have another opportunity. Here is a link to it:

https://www.numisbids.com/n.php?p=lot&sid=6357&lot=343

Davissons Auction 42 (March 1)

If you aren't familiar with Davissons I highly recommend checking it out. They are a small family owned firm running out of Cold Spring, Minnesota. Allan, Marnie and Lief are lovely folks and they run a nice solid coin firm. They sell ancient, world, U.S. and token coinage (both U.S. and British). I would say they specialize in Celtic and tokens and historic medals. This upcoming auction contains a number of impressive lots. It starts with ancient Roman gold but lots 8-11 are fascinating Merovingian and Anglo-

on lot 69 (Larissa drachm) is sublime. Lot 102 is a shekel of Tyre that is sharp and complete. They tend to be difficult to get lately so this is a nice opportunity. There is a pretty large selection of Roman Republican coins which are at the moment reasonably priced. Lot 220 is a fantastic type from Julia Domna, with a biga being driven by Luna Lucifera (Diana). Starting with lot 229 is a group of British Museum electrotypes under Robert Ready. This is followed by electrotypes of British hammered coins which are exceedingly rare, if not unique. They were strangely enough used as plate coins for the standard reference works. The sceattas (authentic and not copies) start with lot 243. There are a few like lots 250, 267 and 269 which are fantastic. Lot 276 is an incredibly well preserved and heavily pedigreed British hammered coin of Beornwulf, King of Mercia from 823-825 AD. There are a few other exceptional examples being offered but I'll let you look for yourselves. Finally the Condor tokens at the end are fascinating and low cost (for the most part) collectibles that have interesting imagery. Check out lot 319 and tell me that isn't the most awesome image ever! The allegorical messages are sometimes very shocking.

Probably the most compelling reason to bid in Davisson auction is the fact that there is no buyers premium. In a world of increasing BP's and competitive bidding, the prices are skyrocketing for auction sales. This is a lovely auction where you can put your money toward your bid and not the extra investment one has to make by buying in auction. Check it out here and of course if you need help please do get in touch.

https://davcoin.com/sale/Printed%20Auction%2042

Künker Spring Sales including the Roger Wolf Collection (16-24 March)

I will be traveling to Osnabrück to view and attend the Künker Spring sales. Unfortunately the sales are not yet listed online as they have to get their Berlin auctions out of the way! I had a chance to preview the Roger Wolf collection in New York and it is a lovely sale and certainly worth my time to fly out to bid in person. For those wanting to take advantage of viewing and live bidding through me, please get in touch once you see the coins online. I presume just following the Berlin sale on February 2.

Coin of the Week

THRACIAN KINGS and DYNASTIES. Hebryzelmis. c. 389-383 BC. AE 16, 4.23g (16mm, 9h). Head of bearded Hebryzelmis to left / ΕΒΡΥΖΕΛ-Μ-ΙΟΣ, Forepart of lion facing right.

Grade: Lovely light green patina. Wonderful strike. Some corrosion with minor pitting. EF

Price: $5,500

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Not a lot is known by Hebryzelmis other than that he was the King of Odrysae and the Athenians conferred honors upon him (according to *Hermes* , *xxvi. 453*). The references only note a "bearded head l." while later cataloguers suggest it is the king Hebryzlmis himself that is represented on the coin. It is not such a far-fetched idea but we should note the difference. The type was first noted in the 1894 edition of the *Numismatic Chronicle* when the British Museum acquired the type. They called it a "unique" coin at the time and of "considerable interest and importance". According to the article it was unknown until 1889, when the archaeologist Lolling published an inscription found on the Acropolis in Athens. Here there was a decree where the Athenians conferred honors on the king. The inscription on the Acropolis was then fixed at c. 386-5 BC.

Numismatic Chronicle noted this "fortunate discovery" by Svoronos and this made a previously uncertain bronze attributed by Imhoof to a known Thracian ruler!

Link to coin on website:
https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/thracian-kings-and-dynasties-hebryzelmis-c-389-383-bc?rq=gk1597

If you are interested in any other coins I have to offer please visit my website:
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Until next week!
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